

## **BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Srookline Massachusetts

Date: March 1, 2021

Superintendent Acting Chief of Police

To: Mr. Melvin Kleckner

From: Mark P. Morgan, Acting Chief of Police

Subject: Sanctuary Medicinal Complaint

On September 14, 2020 I was made aware through an investigatory report completed by Detective Lieutenant Paul Cullinane that a complaint had been received in regards to Sanctuary Medicinal 1351 Beacon St. This complaint involved a customer and a person accompanying the customer in the parking lot, who appeared to be under the age of twenty-one. It was alleged that on August 31, 2020 there had been a diversion of product received from the Sanctuary retail store to this presumed under age person. This report detailed the investigatory steps taken by Lt. Cullinane, the results of these efforts and the conclusion reached.

On September 17, 2020 Lt. Cullinane informed me that he had contacted the Vice-President of Sanctuary Medicinal David Kimmel to discuss remedial action that needed to be taken by Sanctuary Medicinal to be in conformance at all times with the Community Host Agreement and standard business practices for Retail Marijuana Dispensaries in Massachusetts. This remedial action consisted of training and education of staff. At this time I was satisfied with the actions taken by Lt. Cullinane and the level of enforcement action.

Subsequent to the conclusion of Lt. Cullinane's investigation and report sometime in October 2020 I was made aware of dissatisfaction with Lt. Cullinane's investigation by community members. I advised Lt. Cullinane to contact The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) and report the initial allegations and ask for a CCC investigator to be assigned to conduct their own investigation. The CCC assigned an investigator to look into the August 31, 2020 allegations concerning Sanctuary. On January 19, 2021 a CCC investigator went to Sanctuary to investigate the August 31, 2020 allegations. No notices of deficiency regarding this allegation have been issued.



On December 18, 2020 a complaint was made to the Brookline Police Department regarding Lt. Cullinane, related to his investigation of the August 31, 2020 allegations at Sanctuary. Lt. Campbell of the Office of Profession Responsibility was assigned to investigate this complaint. Lt. Campbell investigated this complaint and completed a twenty page report detailing his investigation which I read. After reading his report I reviewed the video tape connected with the incident along with Lt Campbell.

I concurred with Lt. Campbell's conclusion that allegations against Lt. Cullinane of Untruthfulness, Biased Based Policing and Unsatisfactory Job Performance were Unfounded.

I was also made aware of two independent investigations undertaken of this incident where the video evidence was examined and their findings supported the conclusions reached by Lt. Campbell, Lt. Cullinane and myself after our reviews.

I will not be taking or recommending any disciplinary action against any members of the Police Department concerning the allegations of August 31, 2020

Thank you.

Mark P. Morgan Superintendent

Acting Chief of Police